

## U.S Citizens and Salvadorans on Memorials at U.S. Embassy in El Salvador

### ***No public information found on:***

Cabo Santiago Carcamo Segovia

Joseph La Palme

Jose Ernesto Pacas Membreno

**March 3, 1980**

**Rogelio J. Alvarez Schneider**

Found strangled near Central American University (Universidad Centroamericana).

**December 2, 1980**

[Sister Maura Clarke](#)

[Jean Donovan](#)

[Sister Ita Ford](#)

[Sister Dorothy Kazel](#)

These were four Catholic missionaries, three nuns from the Maryknoll Sisters and one lay missionary, involved with an international humanitarian aid mission. They denounced injustices in society even under the fear of persecution. In 1984, four national Salvadoran guardsmen and their superior were convicted of their murders. Per the 1993 Report of the Commission on the Truth for El Salvador, this was the first time in Salvadoran history that a judge had found a member of the military guilty of assassination. Articles: [The Murdered Churchwomen in El Salvador](#) and [1980 murders of U.S. missionaries in El Salvador - Wikipedia](#)

**December 18, 1980**

**Thomas Bracken**

Thomas Bracken was working as an independent consultant to the Salvadoran National Police. He was teaching about investigations and arrests. There is confusion around the circumstances of his death with reports of being shot by a guerrilla or the bodyguards of one of the leaders of the government junta. He previously worked as a police sergeant in North Las Vegas, Nevada. Articles: [U.S. Police Adviser Killed in El Salvador](#) and [Requiem for a Little-Known American Warrior, Killed in El Salvador](#)

**December 28, 1980**

**John Sullivan**

John Sullivan was a free-lance journalist from New Jersey that saw going to report in El Salvador as a big break for his career. His remains were identified and returned to the United States more than two years after his disappearance and the finding of his remains and due to an exhaustive search by his family. It is believed he was killed or later mutilated by an explosive device and his body was initially found on December 29, 1980. Article: [In Jersey, 400 Mourn a Reporter Slain in Salvador](#)

**January 3, 1981**

[Michael P. Hammer](#)

**Mark D. Pearlman**

Michael Hammer and Mark Pearlman were consultants to El Salvador's Land Reform Program and were killed with the Salvadoran head of the program, Rodolfo Viera, while they were having dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Hammer and Mr. Pearlman worked for the American Institute for Free Labor Development, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. Mr. Viera had been the target of at least eight previous attempts to kill him. After initial trials in 1982 that failed to bring about convictions, there were convictions in 1986 and an arrest in 2019. Articles: [Murder Case Is Test for U.S. In El Salvador](#) and [El Salvador arrests ex-soldier in slaying of US advisers](#)

**July 28, 1982 (Disappearance, Never Found)**  
**Patricia Cuellar**

Patricia Emilie Cuéllar Sandoval was kidnapped outside her home a day before her Salvadoran father, Mauricio Cuéllar Cuéllar and his domestic employee, Julia Orbelina Perez, were kidnapped from their home. She lived in El Salvador much of her life but was born in the United States. Patricia worked until 1980 with the Christian Legal Aid Office, a group that was considered subversive by the regime during the civil war and her father was the general manager of the Salvadoran Industry Association. Articles: [American Woman Kidnapped in Salvador](#) and [New case of forced disappearance reaches the Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)

**October 13, 1982**  
**Michael Kline**

Michael Kline was 21 years old, spoke five languages, and was on his final trip through Central America before starting college after traveling widely. He arrived in El Salvador on October 11th after having been in Mexico and Guatemala. Michael Kline was riding a bus in Morazán when he was removed from the bus by the military at a checkpoint and was later shot a few miles from the checkpoint. There were varying reports of why he was removed from the bus and shot. Articles: [Account of American's Death in El Salvador is Put in Doubt](#) and [A Mother Searches for Answers](#)

**May 25, 1983**  
**LCDR Albert Schaufelberger**

LCDR Schaufelberger, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was the senior naval officer of the U.S. military serving at the U.S. Embassy, and he oversaw the \$60 million U.S. military-assistance program. While waiting to pick up Consuelo Escalante at the Central American University (Universidad Centroamericana) in San Salvador, he was gunned down by the Popular Forces of Liberation (FPL). He was the first U.S. serviceman killed during the Salvadoran Civil War. Articles: [Death at the University](#) and [Deputy Chief of U.S. Military Unit is Shot and Killed in San Salvador](#)

**March 16, 1984**  
**John Hoagland**

John Hoagland was a 36-year-old photojournalist that arrived in El Salvador in 1980 to cover the conflict for United Press International and later for Gamma-Liaison Photographic Agency, with his work appearing primarily in Newsweek. He was the first American journalist killed in the conflict, but the 10th foreign journalist. He was caught in the crossfire between guerillas and the Salvadoran Army along a road to Suchitoto. Previously, he was wounded or with others that were killed during the conflict, often

administering aid. Articles: [U.S. Photographer is Shot Dead Covering a Battle in El Salvador](#) and [War Photos Strike Note of Empathy](#)

**April 16, 1984**

**CMDTE. Alfredo Zapata (Salvadoran)**

Joaquim Alfredo Zapata Romero was a Salvadoran working as the Regional Security Office investigator at the U.S. Embassy, when he was assassinated while driving with his wife and daughter. Prior to working with the embassy, Zapata was the head of the criminal investigations for the Salvadoran police. He is also commemorated on the [Diplomatic Security Service Memorial](#) in Washington, DC. Articles: [The person in charge of security of the US Embassy in El Salvador was assassinated](#)

**October 25, 1984**

**Raul Melendez Aquino (Salvadoran)**

Raul Melendez Aquino was a Salvadoran working as a U.S. Embassy security duty supervisor that was killed while near the embassy by a drive by shooting claimed by FPL. Article: [Murder in San Salvador](#)

**June 19, 1985**

**SSGT Bobby J. Dickson**

**SSGT Thomas T. Handwork**

**SGT Patrick E. Kwiatowski**

**SGT Gregory H. Weber**

**Robert Alvidrez (not on listed memorials)**

**Alfred George Viney**

Four U.S. marines serving in the Marine Security Guard at the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador and two American businessmen from Wang Laboratories were among the 12 people killed (early reports said 13) and dozens injured in the [Zona Rosa attack](#) conducted by guerillas. The marines were in civilian clothes but easily identifiable as Americans. They were dining at a sidewalk café popular with U.S. citizens working at the embassy when gunman opened fire. The four marines are also commemorated on the Department of State [Diplomatic Security Service Memorial](#) in Washington, DC. Articles: [Terror Comes Home to 6 U.S. Families](#), [Four U.S. Marines Slain in Salvador](#), and [OIG Report: The Department of Justice's Response to the Zona Rosa Murders](#)

**February 15, 1986**

**Peter S. Hascall**

A merchant marine who had been living in El Salvador since 1981, Peter Hascall was shot to death. He was married to a Salvadoran woman. Mr. Hascall was a salesman of sea vessels. Articles: [American Slain in El Salvador; Motive Unclear](#) and [Rebels Claim Responsibility for Death of American](#)

**March 31, 1987**

**[SSGT Gregory Fronius](#)**

SSGT Fronius was a 27-year-old Green Beret officer from Greensburg, PA, serving as an advisor to the Salvadoran military for only three months when he was killed. He was in El Paraiso, El Salvador when

FMLN guerrilla forces attacked the Salvadoran base during an early morning attack that killed at least 64 soldiers and wounded at least 35. The attacking forces were helped by DIA agent and double agent spy Ana Montes, who was sentenced to 25 years in prison in 2002. He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his bravery and actions that day as a member of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Articles: [Death In El Salvador, Roots in Pennsylvania](#) and [Army Staff Sgt. Gregory Fronius, the first American military...](#)

**July 15, 1987**

**SP4 Douglas L. Adams**

**LTC James M. Basile**

**SSGT Lynn V. Keen**

**LTC Joseph L. Lujan**

**1LT Gregory J. Paredes**

**CW2 John D. Raybon**

The Huey UH-1H helicopter went down at 10:52 p.m. after hitting a cliff along Ilopango Lake, just seven minutes after takeoff. The servicemen were bound for the Salvador military training center in La Union to pick up SSG Tim Hodge who was wounded in the neck in a gun accident. SSG Hodge survived after being evacuated by a Salvadoran helicopter after the U.S. helicopter crash. SFC Tommy Grace was badly injured in the U.S. helicopter crash but was the sole survivor. The U.S. helicopter was trying to return to the Ilopango Airport at the time of the crash. Articles: [Six U.S. Military Men Killed in Helicopter Crash on Mercy Mission](#) and [Salvadoran General Says Human Error Caused U.S. Copter Crash](#)

**November 13, 1987**

**Billy Mejico Quinteros (Salvadoran)**

Billy Mejico Quinteros was a Salvadoran working for the U.S Embassy that was kidnapped while driving an embassy vehicle and later found shot to death. Article: [Salvador to Amnesty 3 Held as Americans' Killers](#)

**March 15, 1989**

**Francisco Peccorini**

Francisco Peccorini was born in San Miguel, El Salvador, and a naturalized U.S. citizen, and served as a Jesuit priest until the 1960s. After retiring from being a professor at California State University at Long Beach in 1986, he returned to El Salvador, with his wife remaining in the United States. He became active with ARENA and was a vocal commentator in the press against communism and on the situation in El Salvador. He was assassinated by being shot three times in the chest while driving in downtown San Salvador. Articles: [Slain professor remembered as devoted educator](#) and [Francisco Peccorini, the philosopher of war prophecies](#)

**August 7, 1989**

**Billy Murphy**

Billy Murphy was a 62-year-old retired businessman that had lived in El Salvador for about 40 years. He had worked in the coffee industry. His wife escaped while trying to prevent gunmen from entering their

home, and he was shot while attempting to resist. He died two hours after being driven to hospital by his wife. Article: [Gunmen assassinate U.S. businessman in El Salvador](#)

**November 11, 1989**  
**Christopher Babcock**

Christopher Babcock was a 25-year-old teacher at Escuela Americana. He was from Spokane, WA. He was in front of his home when he was killed in a grenade attack in San Salvador. It is believed that the attack was not specifically directed at him, and he was not politically active. Articles: [A Tale of Two Americans In El Salvador](#) and [Rebels Hold Large Parts of Some Poor Districts, Battle Continues](#)

**January 2, 1991**  
**PFC Earnest G. Dawson**  
**LTC David H. Pickett**  
**CW4 Daniel S. Scott**

As the U.S. helicopter traveled through the eastern part of San Miguel in route to Honduras, returning from a routine supply mission, it came under fire by guerillas. CW4 Daniel S. Scott is believed to have been fatally wounded by the gunfire. The helicopter made a controlled landing. Salvadorans living in the area reported that two of the Americans were wounded but alive and asked for assistance. Guerillas arrived soon after the crash and shot Lt. Col. David H. Pickett and PFC Ernest G. Dawson Jr. All the U.S. soldiers were assigned to the 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment at Soto Cano air base in Honduras. LTC Pickett was awarded posthumously the Prisoner of War Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing the craft in a manner that saved PFC Dawson's and his own life. All three were awarded Purple Hearts and Air Medals. Articles: [Photos Suggest Americans Shot After Copter Crash in Salvador](#) and [Police arrest Salvadoran ex-guerrilla accused of attack on U.S. helicopter \(2020\)](#)

**February 25, 1991**  
**SGT David Coleman**  
**[WO1 Eric D. Funderburg](#)**  
**SFC Juan Guerra-Llopiz**  
**SPC Marvin T. Simpson**  
**CW2 Paul S. Timmer**

Five U.S. military members were killed when their helicopter experienced a malfunction with the tail rotor shortly after takeoff. The helicopter crashed into Ilopango Lake. The helicopter was on a routine support mission. Chief Warrant Officer Paul S. Timmer, 26, Warrant Officer Eric D. Funderburg, 21, and Sgt. David M. Coleman, 29, all served in the 4th Battalion, 288th Airborne Division stationed at Soto Cano air base in Honduras. Spec. Marvin T. Simpson of the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama was temporarily stationed at Soto Cano at the time of his death. Sgt. 1st Class Juan R. Guerra was one of about 50 U.S. military advisers stationed in El Salvador. Articles: [U.S. servicemen killed in copter crash identified](#) and [Five U.S. Soldiers Die in Copter Crash in El Salvador.](#)

**July 19, 1992**  
**Barry Castiglione**

Barry Castiglione was a Marine from 1977-1980 when he was honorably discharged. He then started working for the U.S. government in 1982. While working at the U.S. Embassy on a temporary assignment, he went to the beach with a few other employees of the embassy. He was 37 years old when he and another co-worker attempted to save a colleague that had been pulled out into the ocean by riptides. His two colleagues survived but unfortunately Mr. Castiglione drowned before additional help could reach him. He is also recognized for his heroic acts on the [AFSA Memorial plaques](#) in the main building of the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC.